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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. In most other locations, prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was mostly moderate to good and was best where features were a factor. Supplies were usually adequate to instances available for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies adequate or available for the moderate demand. The National shell egg inventory was 4% less than last week. Light type fowl were fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia prices were unchanged to .5 cent higher on larger sizes and unchanged to 5.5 cents higher on medium. In Boston, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on large, unchanged to 5 cents higher on medium and unchanged on balance. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good, best where featured. Supplies were generally adequate for needs. The New England shell egg inventory was 19 percent more than last Monday. The Pennsylvania inventory was 19 percent more and the Delaware/Maryland inventory was 31 percent less than a week ago. Breaking stock demand was moderate and offerings were usually adequate. Light type hens were fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were higher for all sizes. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was mixed, slow to good, usually moderate with the best interest coming from feature activity. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Monday's inventories were down 18% in Ohio, 9% lower in Iowa-Minnesota, down 8% in Michigan, and 12% lower in Illinois-Indiana. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings adequate or available. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time to instances over-time. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

**CHICAGO** All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady. Retail and food service demand generally moderate to occasionally good. Feature activity providing some additional activity. Supplies adequate to available.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady. Demand into all channels was mostly moderate to occasionally good. Supplies were generally adequate for trade needs. Breaking stock demand was moderate for usually adequate supplies. The Georgia shell egg inventory was 3% more than last week but the South Atlantic regional inventory was 7% less than a week ago. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current slaughter schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, 3-4 cents higher on large, and 5-6 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 9% higher than last week with California up 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 20%. Retailer demand moderate, best to cover features. Offerings in fair balance.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to fairly good. Supplies were generally adequate for requirements. The New York State shell egg inventory was 28 percent less and the New Jersey shell inventory was 10 percent more than a week ago.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	98-100	86-88	64-66
New York	64-66	61-64	46-49
Philadelphia	61.5-64	59.5-62	42.5-46
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	56-57	54.5-56	38-39
Jackson (1)	66-67	63-64	47-48
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	58-71	56-68	41-52
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	52-57	51-56	38-43
Detroit (2)	49-52	48-51	34-37
Major Ohio Cities (2)	50-56	49-54	35-41
Major Wisconsin Cities	53-60	51-58	41-47
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	63-68	60-66	49-52
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	89	82	68
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, 4 cents higher on large, and 6 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 3% higher than last week. Retailer demand moderate, best where features planned. Offerings in fair balance. Small invoice price 48. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	95	JUMBO	249-279
EXTRA LARGE	89	EXTRA LARGE	209-249
LARGE	82	LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	68	MEDIUM	179-199
<b>PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.</b>			
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>		<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-289	JUMBO	249-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-269	EXTRA LARGE	209-249
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	179-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 12, 2001 will decrease by 11 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 05, 2001 were 268,136 cases which was 1 percent above the prior week and 7 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	235,249	32,887	268,136

% change from the prior week..... +4 -14 +1  
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings adequate or available. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time to instances over-time. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	28-32	28-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-15	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-OCTL-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-11.25	8-9	8.84

WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were generally adequate for the mostly fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canner supplies were sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-OCT-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-10.5	7.5-9	8.24
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT*		

WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT**-AM October 08, 2001  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.9	20.1	9.4	13.6	15.2 67.2
	Change	0.0	0.2	-0.7	0.6	2.3 4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.6	37.8	13.8	19.9	21.6 115.7
	Change	-7.4	-11.0	0.0	-1.0	-3.2 -16%
Large	Curr Wk	28.4	93.4	71.9	67.8	98.4 359.9
	Change	-16.5	-8.0	-7.8	-3.4	12.5 -6%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.1	37.2	15.5	14.1	26.7 106.6
	Change	1.0	2.0	-1.5	-1.3	2.7 3%
Small	Curr Wk	4.2	8.3	2.1	6.0	6.3 26.9
	Change	-0.7	-0.3	0.0	-2.1	-1.4 -14%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.0	19.1	7.0	10.7	6.6 47.4
	Change	-1.5	-6.0	-1.7	-3.0	0.4 -20%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.4	39.6	29.9	25.4	32.4 151.7
	Change	0.4	-10.6	-2.1	-1.7	4.4 -6%
Total	Curr Wk	105.6	255.5	149.6	157.5	207.2 875.4
Percent	Change	-19%	-12%	-8%	-7%	9% -7%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	875.4	-7%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	287.2	5%	38
Total Shell Egg	1162.6	-4%	209

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.  
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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	178.8	175.8	166.7	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 8, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	139	139	129	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 8, 2001

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
19.25								11.00								30.25							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	36.00	38.00	5.00	GNR W 2	—	—	1.00	GNR W 4	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	2.00				
GL W J	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	11.25	GL W LG	—	—	3.75	GL W MD	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 48	—	29.00	26.00				
GL W XL	—	—	11.25	GL W LG	—	—	3.75	GL W MD	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 39	—	21.00	18.00								
GL W LG	—	—	3.75																				
GL W MD	—	—	2.00																				
NRBS - 48	—	29.00	26.00																				
NRBS - 39	—	21.00	18.00																				

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/02/01-10/8/01

CURRENT LOADS								82.25	FUTURE LOADS								98.00	TOTAL LOADS								180.25	
SE				NE				MW				LOADS				SC				NW				MW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS									
GNR W 1	36.20	41.95	38.50	40.13	36.00	35.50	68.00		GNR W 1	45.00	46.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.00									
GNR W 2	—	40.33	33.00	36.75	33.50	34.50	8.00		GNR W 2	—	37.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00									
GNR W 3	27.50	32.00	—	—	31.00	32.00	5.00		GNR W 3	31.00	33.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00									
GNR W 4	22.00	—	—	—	25.00	27.00	2.00		GNR W 4	—	26.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00									
GNR BR 1	—	—	41.50	43.33	—	—	5.00		GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00									
GNR BR 2	—	47.00	35.00	—	—	35.00	2.00		GL W J	—	—	—	—	52.00	55.78	—	—	4.50									
GL W J	—	—	—	—	44.17	—	3.00		GL W XL	44.46	45.74	—	—	—	51.88	—	—	23.75									
GL W XL	—	46.31	43.90	45.85	41.56	50.00	45.00		GL W LG	43.25	44.50	—	—	—	52.12	—	—	13.50									
GL W LG	—	48.50	44.33	40.57	43.78	45.75	30.25		GL W MD	33.00	34.50	—	—	35.00	37.83	—	—	6.00									
GL W MD	29.00	27.00	31.50	33.25	32.83	31.00	16.00		GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	27.00	—	—	.25									
GL W SM	18.50	20.00	17.00	18.50	—	—	2.25		GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	55.00	—	—	1.00									
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	45.00	—	1.00		GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	53.00	—	—	.50									
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	43.00	—	.50		NRBS - 39	18.00	20.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00									
NRBS - 48	—	29.00	26.00	27.00	29.50	29.67	21.75																				
NRBS - 39	—	21.00	18.00	—	—	19.38	12.00																				
NRBS - 36	—	—	15.00	—	17.00	18.75	2.00																				

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 09/23/01 - 09/29/01**

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
Arizona	0	216	0	216
Colorado	810	1,620	5,387	7,817
Indiana	0	0	1,640	1,640
Iowa	3,074	2,310	17,878	23,262
Michigan	0	0	1,680	1,680
Minnesota	810	1,620	2,440	4,870
Missouri	0	810	2,310	3,120
New Hampshire	962	0	706	1,668
North Carolina	0	880	0	880
Ohio	0	0	830	830
Oregon	1,369	1,509	0	2,878
Texas	0	0	150	150
Utah	3,143	2,245	4,585	9,973
Wisconsin	990	740	4,252	5,982
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,158</b>	<b>11,950</b>	<b>41,858</b>	<b>64,966</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>11,158</b>	<b>11,950</b>	<b>41,858</b>	<b>64,966</b>

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
125-128	79-82	67-70	45-48	13-16

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
57-60	48-54	46-51	32-37	20-24

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
29-32	16-19	3-6

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
71.88	68.19	51.50	37.24

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/01/01	09/24/01	10/02/00
PACIFIC COAST	226	232	506
LOS ANGELES	0	0	454

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 09/23/01-09/29/01  
30-dozen cases 5,223

Receipts from the mainland: 09/16/01-09/22/01  
30-dozen cases 6,718

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